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In a Second Letter to Dean SWIFT.

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*Such Policy, such Arts, and such Decorum,  
Has not been seen in any State before 'em.*

*Hesiod, aut al.*

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SIR,

**I** H O' I have been sufficiently *roasted*, as the jocosè term is, for addressing my self to you upon this Occasion; (Rumour assigning you to be the Man;) yet, as I had the honour of your Commands for so doing, I will pursue my Purpose in acting the Part of a faithful *Journalist*, and, in regular Order, give you an *Extract* of Mr. *Gulliver's Voyage to Brobdingnag*.

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### CHAP. I.

**H**E begins with a pathetical Complaint, that both *Nature* and *Fortune* had condemned him to an active and

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*restless Life.* Then describes the Disasters of his Voyage at first setting out, and the violent Storm in which he was endangered. Thus after above a Year's sailing in Tempests and Hurricanes, they at length  
 Page 5. *discovered Land.*

These Turbulencies thro' which Mr. Gulliver has passed, seem to me a beautiful Allegory of the South-Sea and Mississippi Confusion, and the Brobdingnagian he met with, as tall as a Spire-Steeple, seems not more monstrous than the former of those Stocks at a Thousand per Cent. And the other seven Monsters that  
 Page 8. approached him, might have been matched in Exchange-Alley, with Welch-Copper, Gold-Dust, Meliorating-Oil, and other flourishing Bubbles of Renown in those Days. Directors knew the use of Reaping-Hooks, and obtained a Licence for putting them in Execution.  
 Ibid.

Now, Sir, I agree with our Traveller, that undoubtedly Philosophers are in the right when they tell us, that nothing is  
 Page 11. great or little otherwise than by Comparison. Therefore in the Course of these Observations I shall only offer my own Conjectures, but when I come to wind up the Bottom I will faithfully transmit to you the



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the Sentiments of the Publick, especially the *Litterati*, concerning these remote Nations, and the Discoverer of them.

The Distresses poor *Lemuel* underwent in *Brobdingnag*, caused in him, no doubt, an inexpressible Fear of his Life; but these Misfortunes were greatly alleviated by his Entertainment at the *Farmer's Table*, so much resembling the good old *English Hospitality*.

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The CAT here, so far exceeded in all respects *Montaigne's Puss*, that for your Amusement I will transcribe the Description given of this Creature.

“In the midst of Dinner, says he, my Page 19.

“Mistress's favourite Cat leapt into her  
“Lap, I heard a Noise behind me like  
“that of a dozen Stocking-Weavers at  
“Work; and turning my Head, I found  
“it proceeded from the purring of this  
“Animal, who seemed to be three times  
“larger than an Ox, as I computed by  
“view of her Head, and one of her  
“Paws, while her Mistress was feeding  
“and stroaking her. The Fierceness of this  
“Creature's Countenance altogether dis-  
“composed me; tho' I stood at the far-  
“ther end of the Table, above fifty Foot  
“off, and altho' my Mistress held her  
“fast

“fast for fear she might give a spring,  
 “and seize me in her Talons. But it  
 “happened there was no danger; for the  
 “*Cat* took not the least Notice of me  
 “when my Master placed me within  
 “three Yards of her. And as I have been  
 “always told, and found true by Expe-  
 “rience in my Travels, that flying or  
 “discovering Fear before a fierce Animal,  
 “is a certain Way to make it pursue  
 “or attack you, so I resolved in this dan-  
 “gerous Juncture to shew no manner of  
 “concern. I walked with Intrepidity  
 “five or six Times before the very Head  
 “of the *Cat*, and came within half a Yard  
 “of her; whereupon she drew herself  
 “back, as if she were more afraid of  
 “me: I had less Apprehension concern-  
 “ing the *Dogs*, whereof three or four  
 “came into the Room, as it is usual in  
 “Farmer’s Houses; one of which was a  
 “*Mastiff*, equal in Bulk to four *Elephants*,  
 “and a *Greyhound* somewhat taller than  
 Page 21. “the *Mastiff*, but not so large.

The grave Style wherein Mr. *Gulliver*  
 has delivered himself in this Description  
 is a very just Reprehension of those Ro-  
 mantick *Nuga*, wherewith the Books of  
 some modern Travellers are stuffed.

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The skirmish he likewise had with two Rats, which it seems are likewise of the Size of a large Mastiff, but infinitely more nimble and fierce; and his many other Adventures in the Family of his Master the Farmer, I refer to your own perusal, and shall conclude this Chapter in his own Words.

“ I hope the gentle Reader, and especially your self, will excuse me for dwelling on these Particulars, which however insignificant they may appear to grovelling vulgar Minds, yet will certainly help a Philosopher to enlarge his Thoughts and Imagination, and apply them to the Benefit of the publick as well as private Life, which was my sole Design in presenting this and other Accounts of my Travels to the World; wherein I have been chiefly studious of Truth, without affecting any Ornaments of Learning or of Style. But the whole Scene of this Voyage made so strong an Impression on my Mind, and is so deeply fixed in my Memory, that in committing it to Paper, I did not omit one material Circumstance: However, upon a strict Review, I blotted out several Passages of less Moment, which were in  
“ my



“ my first Copy, for fear of being cen-  
 “ fured as tedious and trifling, whereof  
 “ Travellers are often, perhaps not with-  
 Page 29. “ out Justice, accused.

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## C H A P. II.

Page 30. **B**EGINS with a Description of the  
 Farmer's *Daughter of nine Years* old,  
 whose Endowments he very much com-  
 Page 31. mends, but assures us, that tho' she was  
*above forty Foot high*, she was accounted  
*little for her Age*. Such a Friendship com-  
 menced between them, that he called her  
 Page 32. *his little Nurse*, for to her Care was he  
 wholly committed. And as to his De-  
 stiny, of being carried up and down the  
 Country for a Show, he did not at all  
 repine, we llobserving, “ That such a Mis-  
 “ fortune could never be charged upon  
 “ him as a Reproach if ever he should  
 “ return to *England*; since the King of  
 “ *Great-Britain* himself, in his Condition,  
 Page 35. “ must have undergone the same Distress.”  
 Upon the Farmer's Resolution, they all  
 set out on their Journey to the Metro-  
 Page 41. polis, called *Lorbrulgrud*, or *Pride of the*  
*Universe*,

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*Universe*, whereat being safely arrived, he concludes the Chapter.

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## C H A P. III.

**H** E R E I N he recounts the Fatigues he Page 43.  
underwent, how he was sent for to  
Court, and at length sold to the *Queen*, P. 44, 45.  
who presented him to the *King*. "Now Page 48.

"his Majesty, altho' he be as learned a Per-  
"son as any in his Dominions, had been,  
"says he, Educated in the Study of Phi-  
"losophy, and particularly Mathematicks;  
"yet when he observed my Shape exact-  
"ly, and saw me walk erect, before I  
"began to speak, conceived I might be  
"a Piece of Clock-work, contrived by  
"some ingenious Artift, which (as well  
"as in *Germany*) is in that Country ar-  
"rived to a very great Perfection. But  
"when he heard my Voice, and found  
"what I delivered to be regular and ra-  
"tional, he could not conceal his Asto-  
"nishment.

"The King sent for three great Scho- Page 50.  
"lars who were then in waiting. These  
"Gentlemen, after they had a while ex-  
"amined

"amined my Shape with much Nicety,  
 "were all of different Opinions concern-  
 "ing me, they all agreed that I could  
 "not be produced according to the re-  
 "gular Laws of Nature, because I was  
 "not framed with a Capacity of prefer-  
 "ring my Life, either by Swiftnefs, or  
 "climbing of Trees, or digging Holes in  
 "the Earth. They observed by my Teeth,  
 "which they viewed with great Exact-  
 "ness, that I was a carniverous Animal;  
 "yet most Quadrupeds being an over-  
 "match for me, and Field-mice, with  
 "some others, too nimble, they could not  
 "imagine how I should be able to sup-  
 "port my self, unless I fed upon Snails  
 "and other Insects, which they offered,  
 "by *many learned Arguments* \*, to e-  
 "vince that I could not do. One of these,  
 "*Woodwardian* Virtuosi, seemed to think  
 "that I might be an *Embrio*, or abortive  
 "Birth. But this Opinion was rejected  
 "by the other two, who observed my  
 "Limbs to be perfect and finished, and

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\* The insufficiency of *Lucrative-Debates* is finely exposed  
 in Dean Swift's *CADENUS* and *VANESSA*. The only True  
 Copy of this just *Satire* is printed for H. CURLL in the  
*Strand*.



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‘that I had lived several Years, as it  
‘was manifest from my Beard, the Stumps  
‘whereof they plainly discovered thro’  
‘a Magnifying-Glass. They would not  
‘allow me to be a Dwarf, because my  
‘*Littleness* was beyond all degrees of  
‘Comparison; for the Queen’s favourite  
‘Dwarf, the smallest ever known in that  
‘Kingdom, was near thirty Foot high.  
‘After much Debate, they concluded un-  
‘animously, that I was only *Relplum*  
‘*Scalpath*, which is interpreted literally,  
‘*Lusus Naturæ*; a Determination exactly  
‘agreeable to the modern Philosophy of  
‘*Europe*, whose Professors disdaining the  
‘old Evasion of *Occult Causes*, whereby  
‘the followers of *Aristotle* endeavour in  
‘vain to disguise their Ignorance, have  
‘invented this wonderful Solution of all  
‘Difficulties, to the unspeakable Advance-  
‘ment of human Knowledge.

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I thought it highly necessary, Mr. Dean,  
in this Place to give Mr. *Gulliver*’s Account  
of himself as he appeared in this Nation of  
*Giants*, because in *Lilliput* he was look-  
ed upon as a *Giant* himself. And the *tri-*  
*fling Transactions* of the present *English*  
*Royal Society* is here so finely rallied,  
that I hope it will contribute to their A-

mendment, in giving the World more useful Notices than *Aubin's* Insects, or *Woodward's* Fossils.

‘ After this decisive Conclusion, says  
 ‘ *Lemuel*, I intreated to be heard a Word  
 ‘ or two. I applied my self to the King,  
 ‘ and assured his Majesty that I came from  
 ‘ a Country which abounded with several  
 ‘ Millions of both Sexes, and of my  
 ‘ own Stature ; where the Animals, Trees,  
 ‘ and Houses were all in Proportion, and  
 ‘ where by consequence I might be as  
 ‘ able to defend my self, and to find Sustenance,  
 ‘ as any of his Majesty’s Subjects could do here ; which I took for  
 ‘ a full Answer to those Gentlemen’s Arguments.

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The Reception which both Mr. *Gulliver* and *Glumdalclitch* the Farmer’s Daughter found in the Royal Palace was very extraordinary ; for there, as well as at  
 Page 53. her Father’s House, the Care of him was wholly appropriated to her self. Their Amusements were very surprizing on many Accounts, to which I refer, keeping more close to what befel him. He thus proceeds. ‘ The Prince took a Pleasure in  
 ‘ conversing with me, enquiring into the  
 ‘ Manners, Religion, Laws, Government,  
 ‘ and

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‘ and Learning of *Europe*; wherein I gave  
‘ him the best Account I was able. His  
‘ Apprehension was so clear, and his  
‘ Judgment so exact, that he made very  
‘ wise Reflections and Observations upon  
‘ all I said.

He next acquaints us, that the King Page 58.  
asked him, whether he were a *Whig* or  
a *Tory*? His Majesty also made some ve-  
ry severe censures upon *England*, at which,  
says *Lemuel*, ‘ My Colour came and went  
‘ several Times with Indignation to hear  
‘ our noble Country, the Mistress of Arts  
‘ and Arms, the Scourge of *France*, the  
‘ Arbitress of *Europe*, the Seat of Virtue,  
‘ Piety, Honour, and Truth, the Pride and  
‘ Envy of the World, so contemptuously  
‘ treated.

This Chapter closes with a merry Ren-  
counter or two he had with the Queen’s  
Dwarf, together with his Dexterity in  
dispatching four *Wasps*, which were as  
large as *Partridges*; their Stings an Inch  
and a half long, and as sharp as Needles.  
He carefully preserved them all, and ha-  
ving, says he, ‘ Twice shewn them with  
‘ some other Curiosities in several Parts  
‘ of *Europe*; upon my return to *England*  
‘ I gave



‘ I gave three of them to *Gresham Col-*  
*Page 66.* lege, and kept the Fourth for my  
 ‘ self.

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## C H A P. IV.

*Page 67.*

THE Country is herein described, the King's Palace, the chief Temple, some Account of the Metropolis *Lor-brulgrud*, and of the Author's Way of Travelling. To which I refer you and all my other Readers. For you must know, Sir, that being by Nature somewhat emulous of Fame in the *Litterary Way*, I hope by the Interest of your universal Correspondence, not only to find these my Observations and Notes in the *Mer-cure Galant*, *Le Clerc's Bibliotheque Journal de Scavans*, *Acta Eruditorum Lipsia*, but request you will write a Line in my behalf to the Author of the *New Memoirs of Literature*, published here, *par les Frees JNNYS*, because it is a general, as well as just Complaint, that *Extracts* of very few Books are inserted but what these *Messieurs* Print, unless it be

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be the Labours of a disaffected *Faction*, which indeed are therein faithfully inrolled by one means or other, so that you have them all even from *Luke Milbourn's* Legacy to *Tom Hearne's* Catalogue of *Glastenbury* Relicks. For the following Books, all published within these six Months, are every one omitted, which I hope proves the Validity of my Complaint.

I. The WORKS of that honest Patriot *Andrew Marvell* Esq; in Verse and Prose. Collected into two Volumes by Mr. *Cooke*, and Dedicated to his Grace the Duke of *Devonshire*, and the Earl of *Pembroke*.

II. The MEMOIRS of JOHN KER of *Kersland* Esq;

III. Mr. POPE's Familiar Letters to HENRY CROMWELL Esq; 2 Vols.

IV. The WHARTONIANA. 2 Vols.

V. The TERRÆ-FILIUS: 2 Vols.

VI. Mr.

VI. Mr CURLL's Translation of Bishop PARKER's *History of his Own Time*, with Remarks throughout. Addressed to the Learned Bishop POTTER.

These are passed by as Writers not worthy the Notice of this *Impartial Journalist*; but Mr. Newlin's imperfect Version of *Parker's History*, to say no worse of it, has found a Place, with some very idle Encomiums in praise of that *Episcopal Legend*.

This Excursion, Mr. Dean, I am sure you will Pardon thro' your innate Love of Letters. I shall therefore pursue my agreeable Task, and conclude this Chapter, with an Observation which cannot be made too Publick, and with which Mr. Gulli-

Page 67. ver begins it, that our Geographers of Europe are in a great Error, by supposing nothing but Sea between Japan and California; for it was ever my Opinion, says he, that there must be a Balance of Earth to counterpoise the great Continent of Tartary; and therefore they ought to correct their Maps and Charts, by joining this vast Tract of Land \* to the

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\* *Brobdingnag.*



North-West Parts of *America*, wherein I shall be ready to lend them my Assistance.

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CHAP. V.

Several Adventures that happened to *Page 79.*

The Author are herein recited, beginning with an unfortunate one which befel him for punning upon the Queen's Dwarf, and the Dwarf-Apple-Trees in the Garden. After relating the several Accidents which befel him, he acquaints the Reader with the great Civilities he received from the Maids of Honour. The Dalliances between them and *Lemuel* were very uncommon, for, he says, *They* *Page 84.*

would often strip him from Top to Toe, and lay him at full Length in their Bosoms. At other Times, *They* would strip *Page 86.*

themselves to the Skin, and put on their Smocks in his Presence, while he was placed on their Toilet directly before them.

He adds, 'That the handsomest among *Page 87.*

these Maids of Honour, was a pleasant frolicksom Girl of Sixteen, would sometimes, says he, set me astride upon

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‘ one of her Nipples, with many other  
 ‘ Tricks, wherein the Reader will excuse  
 ‘ me for not being over Particular.’ But  
 as reserved as our Friend *Lemuel* would  
 seem, yet he has archly enough ob-  
 served, that some of these Court Ladies  
 have very remarkable *Moles*, here and  
 there as broad as a Trencher, and Hairs  
 hanging from them thicker than Pack-  
 threads, to say nothing farther concern-  
 ing the rest of their Persons.

However, it is to be hoped, that these  
 Passages will be taken as sufficient Cau-  
 tions by some other *Court Ladies*, to re-  
 strain the indecent Liberties they give  
 themselves in their Discourses, Dress, and  
 Behaviour, too frequently practised in the  
*Play-House*, at *Drawing-Room-Assemblies*,  
 and at *Masquerades*.

Page 88. The Execution he mentions, nearly re-  
 sembles one so recent in our Memories,  
 that I shall pass it over without any  
 farther Observation.

Page 90. Mr. *Gulliver* next shews his Skill in  
 Navigation, by Rowing before the King and  
 Queen, and several Adventures befel him,  
 particularly a very dangerous one ‘ from  
 ‘ a Monkey, as big as an *Elephant*, who  
 ‘ belonged to one of the Clerks of the  
 ‘ Kitchen,

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' Kitchen, for which he was killed, and *Page 92.*  
' an Order made, that no such Animal  
' should be kept about the Palace.

This Misfortune being over, among other grave Reflections, ' How vain an *Page 98.*

' Attempt is it, said he, for a Man to endeavour doing himself Honour among  
' those who are out of all Degree of Equality or Comparison with him? And  
' yet I have seen the Moral of my own Behaviour very frequent in *England*, since  
' my return, where a little contemptible Varlet, without the least Title to Birth,  
' Person, Wit, or common Sense, shall presume to look with Importance, and put  
' himself upon a Foot with the greatest Persons of the Kingdom.

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This Observation, Mr. Dean, we both know to be true, and I have had the Honour of hearing it confirmed by *Arthur Moore Esq;* at his rural Seat in *Surrey*. I am likewise assured that his hopeful Son, *Jemmy*, resolves to lash this *Race of Upstarts* in a Comedy which is shortly to make its Appearance upon the *Theatre-Royal in Drury-Lane*.

This Chapter ends with a *Disaster* that befel poor *Lemuel*, betokening good *P. 100.*  
*Luck*; ' which, says he, the Footman spread  
' about



‘ about the Court, so that all the Mirth,  
 ‘ for some Days, was at my Ex-  
 ‘ pence.

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## C H A P. VI.

P. 103. **A** Reception so hospitable did our Traveller meet with at the Court of *Lorbrulgrud*, that he studied several Contrivances to please their Majesties; such as making *Combs* of the Stumps of the *King's* Beard, and *Chairs* of the Combings of the *Queen's* Hair. These and many other Pastimes he invented for their Royal Amusement, with which the *King*, in Particular, was so highly entertained,  
 P. 107. that ‘ he began, says he, to conceive a ‘ much better Opinion of me than he had ‘ ever before. He desired I would give ‘ him as exact an Account of the Govern- ‘ ment of *England* as I possibly could; ‘ because as fond as Princes commonly ‘ are of their own Customs (for so he conjectured of other Monarchs, by my former Discourses) he should be glad to ‘ hear of any Thing that might deserve ‘ Imitation.

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Mr. Gulliver began his Discourse by P. 108. informing his Majesty of the Extent of the *English* Dominions, the Fertility of the Soil, and the Temperature of the Climate. He then spoke at large upon the Constitution of an *English Parliament*, partly made up of an Illustrious Body, called the *House of Peers*, Persons of the noblest Blood, and of the most antient and ample Patrimonies. To these are joined several Holy Persons, as part of that Assembly, under the Title of *Bishops*, whose peculiar Business it is to take Care of Religion, and of those who instruct the People therein. P. 109. He next shewed, that the other Part of the *Parliament* was called the *House of Commons*, who were all principal Gentlemen, *freely* picked and culled out by the People themselves, for their great Abilities and Love of their Country, to represent the Wisdom of the whole Nation.

He then descended to the Courts of Justice, over which the Judges, those venerable Sages and Interpreters of the Law presided, for determining the disputed Rights and Properties of Men, as well as for the Punishment of Vice, and Protection of Innocence,

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He mentioned the *prudent* Management of their Treasury, the Valour and Achievements of their Forces by Sea and Land.

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He computed the Number of their People, by reckoning how many Millions there might be of each religious Sect (including the HENLEYARIANS \*) or political Party among them. He did not omit even their Sports and Pastimes, or any other Particular which he thought might redound to the Honour of his Country.

The King heard the whole with great Attention, frequently taking Notes of what he spoke, as well as Memorandums of all Questions he intended to ask him.

His Majesty consulting his Notes, proposed many Doubts, Queries, and Objections, upon every Article. He asked,

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A particular Account of this SECT, and their FOUNDER, is just now published by Mr. CURLL in the Strand, called A GUIDE to the ORATORY, &c.

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I. What *Methods* were used to cultivate the Minds and Bodies of the young *Nobility*? P. III.

II. What *Course* was taken to supply that Assembly when any *noble* Family became extinct?

III. What *Qualifications* were necessary in those who were to be created *New Lords*? Whether the Humour of the Prince, a Sum of Money to a Court-Lady, or a Prime Minister, or a Design of strengthening a Party opposite to the publick Interest ever happened to be Motives in those Advancements?

IV. What *Share* of *Knowledge* these Lords had in the Laws of their Country, and how they came by it, so as to enable them to decide the Properties of their Fellow-Subjects in the last Resort? Whether they were always so free from Avarice, Partialities, or Want, that a Bribe, or some other sinister View, could have no Place among them?

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V. Whether those *Holy Lords*, the Bishops, were always promoted to that Rank upon Account of their *Knowledge* in religious Matters, and the *Sanctity* of their *Lives*, had never been Compliers with the Times while they were common Priests, or slavish prostitute Chaplains to some Nobleman, whose Opinions they continued fervilely to follow after they were admitted into that Assembly?

VI. He then desired to know, What Arts were practised in electing *Commoners*? Whether a Stranger, with a strong Purse, might not Influence the vulgar Voters to chuse him before their own Landlord, or the most considerable Gentleman in the Neighbourhood.

VII. How it came to pass, that People were so violently bent upon getting into that Assembly, which was said to be a great Trouble and Expence, often to the ruin of their Families, without any Salary or Pension; because this appeared such an exalted Strain of Virtue and publick Spirit, that his Majesty

jeſty ſeemed to doubt it might poſſibly not be always ſincere.

VIII. And he deſired to know whe- *Pag. 113.*  
ther ſuch zealous Gentlemen could have any Views of refunding themſelves for the Charges and Trouble they were at, by ſacrificing the publick Good to the Deſigns of a weak and vicious Prince, in Conjunction with a corrupt Miniſtry? ' The King multiplied his Queſtions, ſays ' Mr. *Gulliver*, and ſifted me thoroughly ' upon every Part of this Head, propo- ' ſing numberleſs Enquiries and Objecti- ' ons, which I think it not prudent or ' convenient to repeat.

His Maſteſty deſired to be ſatiſfied in *P. 114.*  
ſeveral Points relating to the *English* Courts of Juſtice, as to what Time was uſually ſpent in determining between Right and Wrong, and what degree of Expenſe. — Whether Party in Religion or *Ibid.*  
Politicks were obſerved to be of any Weight in the Scale of Juſtice, &c? He fell next upon the Management of the *English* Treafury, obſerving, that whereas the *Taxes* had been computed to about five or ſix Millions a Year, the *Iſſues* he  
D found



found by Calculation amounted to more than double those Sums.

P. 115. He went on to enumerate many other *political Corruptions*, and enquired very strictly into that *private one* of Gaming, he desired to know at what Age this Entertainment was usually taken up, by our Nobility and Gentry, and when it was laid down? He reflected, that besides its fatal Consequences in exhausting their Fortunes, it habituated them to vile Companions, wholly prevented the Improvement of their Minds, and forced them by the Losses they received, to learn and practice the same infamous Dexterity upon others.

P. 118. ' His Majesty was perfectly astonished,  
' says Mr. *Gulliver*, with the Historical  
' Account I gave him of our Affairs during the last Century, protesting it was  
' only a Heap of Conspiracies, Rebellions,  
' Murders, Massacres, Revolutions, Banishments, the very worst Effects that  
' Avarice, Faction, Hypocrisy, Perfidiousness, Cruelty, Rage, Madness, Hatred,  
' Envy, Lust, Malice, or Ambition could  
' produce.

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*Lastly*, He delivered himself in these *P. 120.*  
Words, which I shall never forget, nor  
the Manner he spoke them in:

‘ You have made a most admirable  
‘ Panegyrick upon your Country: You  
‘ have clearly proved that Ignorance, Idle-  
‘ ness, and Vice may be sometimes the  
‘ only Ingredients for qualifying a Legisla-  
‘ tor: That Laws are best explained, in-  
‘ terpreted, and applied by those whose  
‘ Interest and Abilities lie in perverting,  
‘ confounding, and eluding them. I ob-  
‘ serve among you some *Lines* of an In-  
‘ stitution, which in its Original might  
‘ have been tolerable, but *these* half-  
‘ erased and blotted by Corruptions. It  
‘ doth not appear from all you have  
‘ said, how any one Virtue is required  
‘ towards the Procurement of any one  
‘ Station among you, much less that Men  
‘ were ennobled on Account of their Vir-  
‘ tue, that Priests were advanced for their  
‘ Piety or Learning, Soldiers for their Con-  
‘ duct or Valour, Judges for their In-  
‘ tegrity, Senators for the Love of their  
‘ Country, or Counsellors for their Wis-  
‘ dom.

‘ As for your self, who have spent  
‘ the greatest Part of your Life in Tra-  
‘ velling,

‘velling, I am well disposed to hope  
 ‘you may hitherto have escaped many  
 ‘Vices of your Country. But by what  
 ‘I have gathered from your own Rela-  
 ‘tion, and the Answers I have with  
 ‘much Pains wringed and extorted from  
 ‘you, I cannot but conclude the *Bulk* of  
 ‘your Natives to be the most pernicious  
 ‘Race of *little* odious Vermin, that Na-  
 ‘ture ever suffered to crawl upon the Sur-  
 P. 122. ‘face of the Earth.

Now, Mr. Dean, happy, thrice happy is  
 it for the *English* Nation, that with Heart  
 and Voice they can proclaim, *Tempora Mu-*  
*tantur!* All these Corruptions being the  
 Growth of the last Reign, as appears by  
 Mr. *Gulliver’s* Map which bears Date,  
*Anno* 1703.

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## C H A P. VII.

**T**HE Author opens with the Love  
 of his Country, which he very e-  
 legantly sets forth. ‘I have always borne,  
 ‘says he, that laudable Partiality to my  
 ‘own Country, which *Dionysius Halicar-*  
*nassensis* with so much Justice recom-  
 ‘mends



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' mends to an Historian: ' *I would hide the Frailties and Deformities of my political Mother, and place her Virtues and Beauties in the most advantageous Light.*

The Account he gives of the *Inventi-* P. 125.  
*on of Gunpowder and Guns* seemed very horrible to his *Brobdingnagian* Majesty.

' He protested, that altho' few Things P. 127.  
' delighted him so much as *New Discoveries* in Art or in Nature, yet he  
' would rather lose half his Kingdom  
' than be privy to such *Secrets* as these  
' *destructive Machines*, which he com-  
' manded me, as I valued my Life, ne-  
' ver to mention more.

Mr. *Gulliver* observes this to be a strange Effect of *narrow Principles*; and having drawn an amiable Character of this Prince, farther informs us, ' That they had not P. 128.  
' in his Court reduced Politicks into a  
' Science, as the more acute Wits of *Eu-*  
' *rope* have done.

He next gives an Account of the P. 129.  
Learning of the *Brobdingnagians*, their P. 130.  
Laws, their Libraries, their Writers, their P. 131.  
military Affairs, and the Exercise of their P. 134.  
Forces, which is very surprizing.

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He remarks, that in the Course of many Ages they have been troubled with the *same* Disease, to which so many *other Governments* are subject, viz. The *Nobility* often contending for *Power*, the *People* for *Liberty*, and the KING for *absolute Dominion*.

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## C H A P. VIII.

- P. 138. **M**R. *Gulliver* now faithfully relates the Story of his Deliverance, by means of attending the King and Queen in a Progress to the *South* Coasts of the Kingdom. He had always, he says, a strong Impulse that he should recover his Liberty, tho' it was impossible to Conjecture how, or form any Project with the least hope of succeeding. He
- P. 139. had been above two Years in the Country, and relates, that when the King came to his Journey's End, he thought proper to pass a few Days at a Palace he has
- P. 140. near *Flanflasnic*, a City within eighteen Miles of the Sea-side. He adds, that he was much fatigued, had gotten a small Cold,

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Cold, pretended to be worse than he really was, and desired Leave to take the fresh Air of the Sea, with a Page whom he was very fond of, and who had sometime been trusted with him. The Boy, says he, took me about half an Hour's Walk from the Palace towards the Rocks on the Sea-shore. I cast many a wistful melancholy Look towards the Ocean. I found my self not very well, and told the Page, that I had a Mind to take a Nap, which I hoped would do me good. I soon fell asleep, but found my self suddenly awaked with a violent pull upon the Ring which was fastened at the Top of my Box for the convenience of Carriage. This wonderful Account of his Conveyance by an *Eagle*, terminates with his being dropt into the Sea after two Hour's flight.

P. 141.

P. 142.

Ibid.

P. 144.

The many anxious Thoughts he entertained in the watry Element, were at last relieved in his being taken up by an *English* Ship. The Captain whereof took him into his Cabbin, gave him a Cordial, and made him *turn in* upon his own Bed. He *slept* some Hours, but was perpetually disturbed with *Dreams* of the Place he

P. 150.



he had left, and the Dangers he had escaped. However, upon *waking*, he found himself much recovered.

P. 152. He begged the Captain's Patience to hear him tell his Story, which he faithfully did from the last Time he left *England* to the Moment he first disco-

P. 156. vered him. 'And as Truth, says he, always forceth its Way into rational Minds, 'so this honest worthy Gentleman, who 'had some Tincture of Learning and 'very good Sense, was immediately  
Ibid. 'convinced of my Candour and Veracity.

He then made the Captain a Present of the *Rarities* he had collected in the Country from whence he had been so strangely delivered. Among which, was the Corn he had cut off with his own Hand, from a Maid of Honour's Toe, it was about the Bigness of a *Kentish* Pippin, and grown so hard, that he got it hollowed into a Cup, and set in Silver.

I must here conclude my *Second* Letter, only with observing, that he arrived safe at *Redriff*, Anno 1706.

I am, Sir, &c.

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